

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, and 12-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 4,163,392 (Fleenor).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 23 is allowable. Claims 6 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to generally recite the allowable subject matter of claim 6 and intervening claims 4 and 5. Likewise, claim 22 has also been amended to generally recite the same limitations of claim 1 that includes the allowable subject matter of claim 6 and intervening claims 4 and 5.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such action at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the need arise.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or any underpayments which may be required for the above-referenced application to Deposit Account No. 01-0265.

Respectfully submitted,

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